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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (If filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
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Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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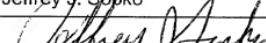
Prior application information:

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Transmitted herewith for filing by other than a small entity is the patent application of:

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For: "DRIVING ASSISTANCE APPARATUS"

7 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is included along with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please record and return the assignment to the undersigned.

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of the following foreign application: **Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-136044 filed May 9, 2000**. A certified copy of this application will be forwarded.

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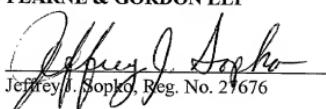
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